



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of)
 Toshio KOBAYASHI et al.)
 Serial No. 09/735,938)
 Filed: December 14, 2000)
 For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR)
 MEMORY DEVICE AND METHODS FOR)
 OPERATING AND PRODUCING THE)
 SAME)

PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE
RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION PAPERS
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND OF THE PETITION FEE

Commissioner of Patents
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts including the listing of omitted items mailed on February 12, 2001, the applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accord a filing date of December 14, 2000 to the above-identified application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the Petition fee and for any additional costs which may be incurred.

In support of the Petition to Accord a filing date of December 14, 2000, the applicants, through their attorneys, hereby submit (1) a copy of the papers as filed including the transmittal form showing 103 pages of specification and 26 pages of claims (consisting of claims 1 to 42), 21 sheets of drawings, and the unexecuted declaration; (2) a copy of the postcard bearing the

completeness prior to execution of the patent transmittal paper. I particularly checked to be sure that all components of the application were present and correctly identified, including a completed application transmittal form, a complete copy of the application (130 pages of typed text (including 103 pages of specification, 26 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, and 21 sheets of drawings), the unexecuted declaration, and authorization to charge the firm deposit account for the filing fee. In my review, each page of the application was specifically numerically checked to be certain no typed page has been omitted and each claim counted. I found the application to be complete and wrote my name " BOB" on the postcard accompanying the filing of the application.

I today reviewed the file copy of the application captioned above, and also found it to be complete.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful

fee be refunded. Notice to the undersigned that all papers have been properly processed is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 14, 2001

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